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<sup>12</sup>  
~~36~~. [New] The system of claim <sup>10</sup>~~34~~, further comprising:

operating system interface means for acquiring programming control commands from a record in a database identified by a card operating system identifier acquired by the system interface means; and

 the personalization interface means for further transferring the programming control commands to the personalization means as specified by the characteristic data.

<sup>13</sup>  
~~37~~. [New] The system of claim <sup>10</sup>~~34~~, wherein the system further acquires format template data from a record in a database identified by a data format identifier supplied by the card issuer management system and translates the personalization data into an internal format from a format defined by the format template data such that the personalization interface transfers the translated personalization data to the personalization means.

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**REMARKS**

As claims 1-24 (allowed in Applicant's prior application) were canceled and new claims 25-32 were added in a previous amendment, and claims 33-37 having been added in this amendment, claims 25-37 are now pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

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An Information Disclosure Statement, with art cited in the parent case, and PTO Form 1449 are filed herewith.

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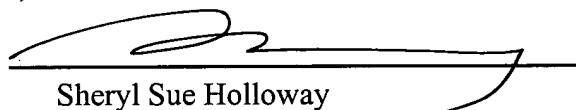
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